

Born in Havana, Cuba, Major Doce spent his childhood in Miami. He is a graduate of Barry University. In 1984, he joined the Virginia Gardens Police Department. Five years later, he transitioned to the Miami Beach Police Department.

Major Doce has worked to serve and protect the Miami Beach community in various capacities, including undercover work and work with the Police K9 Unit. He has been instrumental in supervising and training junior staff, and, for the past ten years, he has helped organize the Department's Memorial Weekend Planning.

Major Doce has been named Officer of the Month eight times during his 30 years with the Miami Beach Police Department. He won the Hispanic Heritage Award in October 2016 for his service as a Hispanic Public Safety Officer.

I'm deeply grateful for Major Doce's commitment to our community and for his outstanding work over the past three decades. Miami Beach is stronger and safer because of his service.

CONGRATULATING LINDA MILLER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and appreciation that I rise today to honor Linda Miller of Tamaqua, who is retiring after serving the good people of Pennsylvania for 38 years in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Miller has left her mark on our great Commonwealth as the longest-serving district office employee in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Mrs. Miller began as a staffer in Rep. Klingaman's office on January 16, 1981 and has since worked in other Representatives' offices including Rep. Dave Argall, and most recently, Rep. Jerry Knowles. She is a pillar of her community and has committed nearly two decades to supporting and serving her friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens. The fabric of our Pennsylvania communities is strengthened by the selflessness, compassion, and integrity of our public servants like Mrs. Miller. She will surely be missed by the constituents she served and those who she served alongside.

Although she is culminating an impressive and impactful career, I am confident that as she begins this new chapter, she will continue to be a positive influence and a dedicated member of our great community.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Miller on her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, during the second vote on November 18, 2019, my vote was not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 626.

RECOGNIZING THE KEISER UNIVERSITY SEAHAWKS ON AN UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL SEASON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the Keiser University Seahawks on securing a 9–0 undefeated football season.

Led by local seniors Seth Freeman, Ronnie Bennett, and Tremane Gabriel, the Seahawks won their regular season finale game, after defeating Ava Maria University on Saturday, November 16th. Under the leadership of Head Coach Doug Socha, Keiser will now head into the 2019 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) postseason, beginning with a home game against University of the Cumberland in the first round of the 16-team playoffs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the entire Seahawks football team, which include: Traionn Jones, Sage Chen-Young, Tyler Foster, Eli Mathews, Maurice Murphy Jr., Ronnie Bennett, Kade Glenn, Alex Taylor, Coby Golden, Logan Good, Da'Shawn Bostic, Tremane Gabriel, Seth Freeman, Cade Socha, Rodney Green Jr., Dylan Inman, Carlos Silenciéux, Jamarquios Autry, Jaylen Arnold, Asfunso Elam, Payton Burke, Lucas Matias, Shawn O'Gorman, Shaw Pomianowski, Trevor Phillips, Deandre Henderson, Caleb Walls, Luckaad Dorsainvil, Jamian Lovett, Marques Burgess, Schneider Louis, Troy Sloan, Cordell Wiley, Isaiah Rappart, Jermaine Wilson, Osner Valmeus, Carl Barrow, Taeon Holte, Austin Cha, Austin Carr, Amari Hayes, Brendan Parr, Preston Hays, Wesley Scott, Marc Laureore, Jordan Grant, Treykevan Gilbert, Victor Alvarez Jr., Mitchel Desulme, Byron Fraley, Joseph Irlbeck, Davion Cross, Robenson Laffleur, Christopher Hart, Tommy Richemond, Logan Wakefield, Camron Allen, Edward Krajewski, Alessandro Cantillo, Jeremiah Guillaume, Cedrick Dervil, Zach Shahin, Okevious Hinds, Rashad Harris, William Bell, Mikhail Hanson, Juwan James, Logan Robinson, Dalton Barbara, Donovan Hinds, Justin Thomas, Shelby Langen, Mike Altenor, Austin Sherrill, Nicholas Sierra, Jerson Jacques, Michael Robinson, Samuel Snell, Donavyn Martin, Thomas Waldron, Mohammad Shatara, Shavon Taylor, Luke Sharkey, Dante Trott, Markel Finney, Khalil Absolu, Joshua Norzea, Corey Lamy, Zachariah Istvan, Eddie Adams, Ruben Alexis, Matthew Barber, Balitan Celestin, Alec Charland, Claude Charles, Corey Cola, Owen Connell, Dakota Cox, Damon Daniel, Gabriel Davenport, Akarri Davis, Amari Davis, Cory Hamilton, Earnest Johnson, Adreal Johnson, Trusteb Johnson, Angerlyns Julceus, Amari Kindred, Jamari Kindred, Judah Martin, Qwad Martin, Gage McNellis, T-Jay Mitchell, Ki-Mani Olivacce, Alex Saint-Jean, Benjamin Serrano, Isaiah Silva, Tristan Simmons, Duane Simon, Ty Smith, Shea Spencer, Andy St. Hillaire, George Swain, Garrison Swain, Joseph Villano, Chris Webber, and Ian Willhoite.

Madam Speaker, I am so very proud of the Keiser University Seahawks for their exceptional season. I wish the team and their entire athletic program many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING THE YURCONIC AGENCY ON RECEIPT OF THE MILESTONE AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate the Yurconic Agency of Allentown, Pennsylvania on receiving the Milestone Award from the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Milestone Award is presented to a member of the chamber that has reached a significant landmark in business, a high point of superior commitment to the community and brings a notable measure of pride to the Chamber and the entire Lehigh Valley. For 50 years, the Yurconic Agency has been an outstanding insurance agency, serving the Lehigh Valley. From vehicle registration to driver's license services the Yurconic Agency has been providing a wide array of insurance options to the greater Lehigh Valley since 1969. The high quality customer service the Yurconic Agency has offered has made it a cornerstone of communities throughout Eastern Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Yurconic Agency on this great honor and thank them for their 50 year commitment to the betterment of our community.

CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AUSTIN TICE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in calling for the immediate release of award-winning journalist and veteran Austin Tice. I thank the gentlelady from the District of Columbia, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, and the gentleman from Texas, AL GREEN, for their moving words and their unflagging efforts to secure Austin Tice's release.

Austin has been held captive in Syria for over seven years. He traveled to Syria as a freelance journalist to cover the war in May 2012. Few journalists were working in Syria at this time, and his vital reporting and images appeared in major news sources, including the Washington Post, Agence France Presse, and McClatchy Newspapers. Three months later, he was detained at a check point south of Damascus on his way to Lebanon.

Austin has been missing ever since. Five weeks after he was taken captive, a 43-second video titled "Austin Tice is Alive" emerged, showing a group of unidentified

armed men holding Austin. This was the last information received from the captors.

Although Austin Tice has spent far too many days, months, and years in captivity, crucially the United States government believes Austin is alive. The FBI is offering a one-million-dollar reward for information leading directly to his safe location and return. His parents, Debra and Marc Tice, have been consistent beacons of hope throughout Austin's captivity, working passionately for his release, and never losing hope for their son's safe return. Their love for their son has had the power to mobilize a large, bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress from all over the country. I was proud to join my colleagues this September in a letter to President Trump calling for him to use the full weight of his national security team to bring Austin home, and I renew that call now.

Austin Tice has been separated from his family, friends, and loved ones for far too long. He has spent too many birthdays in captivity. I join my colleagues in calling upon those who are keeping him in Syria to let Austin Tice go. Let him return safely to his family and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF IMAM HAAZIM FAQUEEH RASHED

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed, as his family and the Sacramento community gather to remember him. Imam Rashed dedicated his life to the advancement of all communities, regardless of faith, in Sacramento. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Imam Haazim Rashed.

Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed graduated from Stanford University and attended Yale University Law School. His professional career began with progressing economic development as a Director for the National Development Council. He dedicated himself to the education of various economic development professionals and initiated the revitalization of communities across the nation.

In 1972, Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed converted to Islam and dedicated his life to his faith and service. In 2003, Imam Rashed moved to Sacramento and played a foundational role in establishing Sacramento's Masjid As-Sabur and soon became its Imam. In addition to leading his congregation, he was involved in numerous organizations and dedicated much of his time to the Sacramento's interfaith and community efforts through the Council of Sacramento Valley Islamic Organizations (COSVIO), Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sac-ACT) and served on the Board of CAIR-Sacramento Valley/Central California.

Imam Haazim Rashed worked tirelessly to help those in need and was known for his jovial uplifting character. He lifted the spirits of others and gave his life to helping community members. Imam Rashed was a devout husband, loving father and doting grandfather. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife of 46 years, Janice Davis Rashed, his children, extended family, and his community as Imam

Haazim Rashed has touched the lives of many.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed, a man who has dedicated his life to the advancement of the American Muslim community and all communities in Sacramento. As Imam Haazim Faqueeh Rashed is being honored with the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Council on American-Islamic Relations, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his contributions to Sacramento and beyond.

HONORING THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one great agency in my district. On November 17, 2019, the Water Replenishment District celebrated its 60th Anniversary.

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) is a groundwater management agency that has developed innovative projects and programs for locally sourced, sustainable water to replenish two of the most utilized urban groundwater basins in the United States. WRD was established in 1959 in response to unregulated and unmanaged over-pumping of our aquifers which caused many drinking water wells to go dry.

Located in Lakewood, California, WRD is the largest groundwater agency in the State of California. The district's service area covers a 420-square-mile region of southern Los Angeles County, the most populated county in the United States. They provide half of the drinking water for 43 cities and over 4 million people. Due to WRD's hard work, that water is now completely locally sustainable.

These efforts include programs like Water Independence Now (WIN) and new facilities like the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning (ARC) in the City of Pico Rivera. WRD has shown a dedication to sustainability and a commitment to providing safe drinking water to residents in its service area, which includes the majority of the 38th Congressional District of California.

I am honored to represent districts like WRD and look forward to what the next 60 years have in store.

CONGRATULATING BARBARA GREEN ON RECEIPT OF THE CHAMBER CHAMPION AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barbara Green of Lehigh County for being named the recipient of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Champion Award.

The Chamber Champion Award is presented to a successful and esteemed business or individual that is well-known to oper-

ate with integrity and that has been a long-time member and premier supporter of the Chamber, its mission, and its goals. After graduating from Lehigh University, Ms. Green began her career with Ernst & Young where she supervised audits on manufacturing, construction, health care and insurance clients. After serving in key management roles at a variety of companies, Ms. Green began with Blue Mountain Resort in 1993 as she served as Controller for 5 years, implementing an innovative new ticketing system for the ski area. After the passing of her father and founder of Blue Mountain, Mr. Ray Tuthill, Ms. Green returned to Blue Mountain in 2007 to serve in her current role as President, where she oversees a full-year destination that attracts over 500,000 visitors each year. The fabric of our Pennsylvania communities is made stronger by the hard work and dedication that Ms. Green has shown to our community throughout her career.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Green on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2019

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women are leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs that drive economic expansion and advance communities around the world. Between 2018 and 2019, U.S. women of all backgrounds started an average of 1,817 new businesses per day, representing 42 percent of all businesses. These businesses generate \$1.9 trillion and employs 9.4 million workers. 5.4 million businesses are owned by women of color and 99 percent of women-owned businesses are small businesses. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their undeniable impact.

I also applaud Wendy Diamond who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day organization has funded 500 Syrian refugee girls in Jordan so they could attend high school, launched an initiative in Oman to empower women and girls to vote against arranged marriage, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 110 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower, celebrate, and support women in business worldwide to alleviate poverty.

On Friday, November 15th, Ms. Diamond hosted a Women's Entrepreneurship Day event in New York City at the United Nations in order to empower, celebrate, and support women and girls globally to alleviate poverty.

During this event, Ms. Diamond and her organization honored the following individuals with their respective awards: